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# **NEPHEW ADMITS TO SWINDLING UNCLE**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on June 4, 2002, Thomas Matesic, d.o.b 5/22/64, of Phoenix, AZ, pled guilty to two counts of Mail Fraud, in federal district court in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. Matesic, had been charged with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 1341, Mail Fraud. In his guilty plea before the Hon. Paul G. Rosenblatt, Matesic admitted to swindling \$262,000 from Nicholas Rago, his uncle, and Dominic Orfitelli, his cousin, by diverting the money intended for financial securities investments to his own purposes. The offenses took place between 1998 and 2001, while Matesic was working as a financial consultant for an investment firm and later as an independent financial advisor. The checks involved in the thefts were mail to Matesic from Pennsylvania and Virginia to Phoenix, Arizona.

A conviction for Mail Fraud carries a maximum penalty on each count of 5 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both.

Sentencing is set before Judge Paul G. Rosenblatt on August 26, 2002.

The investigation in this case was conducted by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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The prosecution is being handled by Richard I. Mesh, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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